

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, clean air is essential to public health, the environment and the economy in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we need clean air so people can breathe easier without the distress of asthma, emphysema, and other air-related health problems; and

WHEREAS, we need clean air to protect and improve the quality of our forests, streams and lakes for public recreation and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, we need clean air so citizens can view scenery in our mountains, parks and coastal areas without haze; and

WHEREAS, we need clean air to sustain tourism, agriculture and other aspects of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated April 28 to May 2 as "National Air Quality Awareness Week"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly and the Governor have enacted and signed critical legislation, including the Clean Smokestacks Act, for reducing emissions and improving air quality in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Air Quality, Department of Environment and Natural Resources; local air quality programs in Mecklenburg, Forsyth, and Buncombe counties; and Air Awareness partners in the Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Triad and Triangle metro areas have collaborated to inform and educate North Carolinians about how to protect their health on Air Quality Action Days, reduce air emissions and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Air Quality and local air quality programs will renew their daily air quality forecasts for ozone from April 30 through September 30;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of April 27-May 3, 2008, as "**AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote clean air.



  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.